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SUBJECT: PROJECT CONSTANT TREAT

REF: LONDON 08343

1. THE POSITIVE STATEMENT OFFERED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL SEEMS TO US TO BE SOMEWHAT MISLEADING AND CONSEQUENTLY COULD TEND TO UNDERMINE CREDIBILITY. RECOMMEND USE OF FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS: "THE U.S. HAS CATEGORICALLY ASSURED HMG THAT THE U-2 AIRCRAFT OPERATING FROM RAF WETHERSFIELD HAVE OVERFLOWN ONLY ALLIEF COUNTRIES, ARE NOT ARMED AND ARE NOT TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS. AS STATED EARLIER, THE U-2S ARE PARTICIPATING IN AN OPERATIONAL
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TEST PROGRAM WHICH IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE FOR SEVERAL

MORE WEEKS. HMG IS BEING KEPT INFORMED OF ALL DETAILS OF THE TEST INCLUDING THE CLASSIFIED ASPECTS. THESE OPERATIONAL TESTS ARE NOT BEING CONDUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION. NO FURTHER COMMENT IS APPROPRIATE."

2. IF QUESTIONS ARISE AS TO CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT, REPLY SHOULD INCLUDE FACT THAT WHILE SPECIFIC CAUSE STILL BEING INVESTIGATED, THE U-2 WAS DEFINITELY NOT SHOT DOWN AS SOME

NEWS ACCOUNTS HAVE ALLEGED.

3. REQUEST NOTIFICATION OF RESPONSES USED IN COMMONS.
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